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Basil Augustine Harrison, 87, loving husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather, left this world on Monday, April 30, 2018, to be received by his Savior and loved ones in heaven. He was born in New York City. Shortly after his birth, the family moved to Poughkeepsie, NY, operating a dairy farm known as Brooklands Farm.

After graduating from Wappingers Central School (1948), Basil joined the Navy and served his country during the Korean War on the USS Dyess from 1948-1952. He was a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, with a degree of Bachelor of Electrical Engineering in 1956. He was employed by IBM East Fishkill in NY for over 20 years and retired in 1991. Over his lifetime, Basil's family ties were strong. He made every effort to keep in touch with family, relatives and friends until Parkinson's disease made it difficult.

In 1996 he and his wife Alice retired to Leesburg, FL. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Leesburg. He also belonged to The Gideons International and often participated in Bible distributions.

Surviving are Basil's children, Kathleen, Kenneth, Eve, and James, Also surviving are Alice's children, Andrea, Mark and Daryl, and Basil's brother, J. Gregory Harrison. He was predeceased by his wife, Trudy, in 1977. We, who knew and loved Basil, will always remember him for his subtle humor, quiet wisdom and caring love.

Arrangements are entrusted to Page-Theus Funeral Home Leesburg, FL. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Friends will be received between 10:30 to 11:00 a. m. with service beginning at 11:00 a.m. located at Page-Theus Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 914 W. Main Street, Leesburg, FL 34748.

Close to his heart was Bible distribution. In lieu of flowers donations in his honor can be made to The Gideons International, Leesburg Camp, P.O. Box 491534, Leesburg, FL 34749-1534. With



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gratitude for the care and comfort they provided, donations can also be made to Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778.

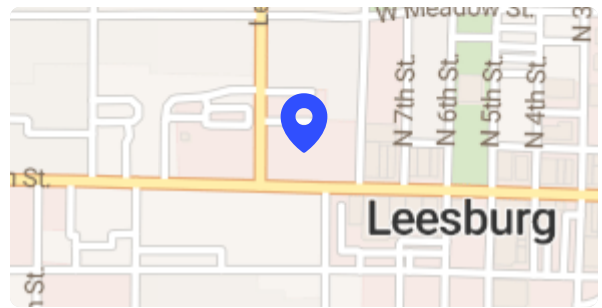


Events

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Memorial Service

-  **Tuesday**, May 15, 2018
-  11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
-  **Page Theus Funeral Home Chapel**
914 W. Main Street, Leesburg FL 34748





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Anonymous sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Harrison family.



May 14 at 12:14 PM



Holsipple posted:

The death of a loved one brings grief, sorrow and mourning. Yet in view of the passing of those who anchored their lives in the Living Christ as Lord and Savior, we can rejoice in a life well lived. The legacy left by Basil testifies to his love of God and the immutable Word of God. We'll never know the full extent of his ministry till we meet on the other side; there will be no tears or regrets, all will be in accord with the perfect will of the Master. Till then, our prayers for those Basil has said "so long" to will be that God alone will be your "Shalom." With sincere sympathy, Marilyn and Don Holsipple.

May 14 at 6:51 AM



Lisa Zopatti posted:

Most won't know that Uncle Basil, "UB" to our family, and I had a small battle once over who made the best omelet. I was visiting and, having just acquired this skill, was eager to show it off which he took as a challenge. Uncle Basil insisted mine won but he was surely being kind. And, kind was what UB was to the core. And sweet. And humble. Our hearts may be heavy but he lives on in our fond memories. Love and prayers to Alice and all our cousins. As Granky and my sister Mary mentioned, we need to continue the connection and the cousin love. Uncle Basil will be with us in each visit and stays with us in our hearts. Love, Lisa, Peter, Sofia and Paul xo

May 9 at 2:18 PM



Love, Lori, Hardy & Eryn sent a Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket to the Harrison family.



May 9 at 3:42 AM



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Jeff K. Harrison posted:

So my Uncle "Baddle" was one of my favorites, a sweet, mild mannered Harrison amongst the troop I grew up to know. My father, the eldest, Paul, then Uncle "Stee", the next in line was Uncle Gregory, were the Harrison team that preceded my Uncle Basil. I will never forget how sweet Uncle Basil was to me, I have wonderful pictures of the handsome man in his Navy whites. And then, there was how much I loved and adored Aunt Trudie. She was just that kind of person, whom I will never, ever forget, an incredibly unique human being that only those who met her could adore. But the union of the two was a more special duo. A chance to visit Uncle Baddle and Aunt Trudie was a thrill. My cousin Kathy, was a special contemporary, whom I always adored, because she was an Aunt Trudie spin-off, but time and life got in the way to cause us to lose touch a lifetime ago. Unca Baddle sent a Christmas card every year, and he always added "God Bless". I can confidently expect that Basil is in the hands of God because there are fewer and fewer who have earned that place, but my pal Basil was without question, one who did. I am gonna miss you, but your ways, and your style and your beauty will always stay with me and they make me a better person in this world. I love you Uncle Basil! Nephew Jeff. I will miss your annual Christmas card.

May 8 at 8:05 PM



J.G. Harrison posted:

So we grew up in the beautiful Hudson Valley on Brooklands Farm learning how to drive tractors and milk cows. Mom and Granny fed and loved us, Once in a while we sang round the Bechstein Baby Grand with Mom in the parlor. Basil did The Mikado at Wappingers High, I did HMS Pinafore. The four brothers always sang Your Cheatin' Heart at the weddings. (Paul and Stephen deceased now). That car Mary mentioned was a kit that Basil bought. It ran but I think it had gull wing doors which were hard to seal against the rain ! As kids we made ice cream the hard way by cranking a freezer. But licking the dasher was our reward. We all raised families and there was just enough love to stay in touch. Maybe all of you should do the same. Much love to all ! Brother J. Gregory Harrison aka the Grank -----8 May 2018

May 7 at 11:17 AM



George Fazio posted:

It is with deep regret and sadness we received word of Basil's passing. Our most heartfelt condolences to Alice and the entire family. Basil will be fondly remembered by us for his wit and great sense of humor, even during trying times. He and Alice were our neighbors and friends from the time they moved into Royal Highlands and we shared many special occasions together until their move to Lake Port. Love, George and Kay Fazio

May 7 at 7:21 AM



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Mary Angela Harrison posted:

We have many fond memories of sharing cousin time with Uncle Basil and family. I can remember contemplating a car that Uncle Basil was "fixing up," as we sat in the yard eating his homemade Grape-nut ice cream. That car didn't seem to change very much from one visit to the next. I don't know what ever happened to it, but I sure remember the ice cream! Please know we are thinking about you all, with many wonderful memories made over the years, and hope for opportunities to continue to have cousin time in the years to come. Love, Mary, Stuart, Max, Addy and Isabel

May 4 at 4:13 PM



Love, Fern Charlene, George, Betsy, Andy. sent a Multicolor Pastel Mixed Flower Fireside Basket to the Harrison family.



May 3 at 3:10 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Basil by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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